

No. 7892 第 七 千 八 百 二 十 七 號 日 五 十 月 二 十 年 十 壬 緒 光 HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 1883. 二 拜 禮 號 三 十 二 月 正 英 港 香 [PRICE \$24 PER MONTH]

INTIMATIONS.

Subscription List for Donations and for
seats is being circulated, and vouchers for
seats can only be obtained by Subscribers to
the List or applying by letter to the Under-
secretary.

The plan of the Theatre will be placed in the
charge of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., at
5.30 P.M. on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, and
other holders can then mark off their Seats they
require and obtain their tickets.

Price of tickets.....\$3 each.

Donations to the Fund will also be thank-
s received.

A. P. STOKES,
Acting Hon. Secretary,
—8, Peddar's Hill,
Hongkong, 12th January, 1885.

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THEATRE ROYAL,
 CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
 THE SIXTH SUBSCRIPTION
 PERFORMANCE
 will be given
 TO-MORROW EVENING,
 24TH JANUARY, 1883,
 on which occasion will be represented
 BELLIINI'S CELEBRATED OPERA,
 "NORMA."
 DRAMATIS PERSONE.
 LILLIÖRNE.....Signor ARIGNOLI.
 ROSSINI.....Signor LANGOTT.
 LATTI.....Signor SIBINETTI.
 ORMA.....Signora LUIGI.
 LAGODA.....Signora SILINI.
 LOTTIE.....Signora BELLOTINI.

ROSSINI'S "IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA"
HERDT'S "UN BALLO IN MASCHERA."
PACINI'S "SAFFO."
VERRELLI'S "CONTESSA D'AMALFI."

DESCRIPTION PRICES FOR 8 NIGHTS.

Dress Circle.....	for 3 Seats.....	\$35.00.
Grand Circle.....	for 1 Seat.....	\$15.00.
Stalls.....	for 3 Seats.....	\$25.00.
Stalls.....	for 1 Seat.....	\$10.00.

The Plan of the Theatre is now on view at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, where Seats may be secured.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [126]

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA

THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE DIRECTORS have the Honour to Announce that
A GRAND SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
will be given on
SATURDAY NEXT.
JANUARY 27TH, 1883.
FOR THE REVENUE OF
SIGNOR GIACCOLI.

PRIMO BARITONO ASSOLUTO.
 "When will be produced by Special Desire
 DOMENICETTI'S GRAND OPERA
 "MARIA DI ROHAN,"

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ:
 ERICARDO, (Conte di Chaulas), Signor PETROVICH.
 ERICARDO, (Duke di Cherverson), Signor CIOCCI.
 EMILIA, (Contessa di Rohan), Signora LUBROCK.
 CANTANTE DI CORO, Signora ANNA SUTCH.
 IL VICENTE DI SUZZ, Signora BERTOLINI.
 UN FIEQUE, Signor PATIERNO.
 AUBREY, (Segretario del), Signor BRUNETTI.
 UN FAMILIARE DI CHERVETON, N.N.

Between the Acts of the Opera, Signor GORE will play the Celebrated Quartette from Verdi's "RIGOLETTO," with variations composed by himself.

A plan of the Theatre is now on view at
 Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's, where Seats may
 be secured.
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WANTED for the Office of the China
 Sugar Refining Company, Limited, at
 East Point, An Experienced BOOK-KEEPER.
 To a thoroughly qualified person, a liberal
 salary will be given.

Applications to be addressed to
 THE MANAGER,
 CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.,
 EAST POINT, HONGKONG.

China Sugar Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. East Point. [185]

TENDERS.

TENDERS FOR DOCKING, FOR INSPECTION
and for SCRIPING, CAULKING and
REMETALLING (if necessary) the British Ship
"GYPHUS" will be received at the Office of
the Undersecretary till NOON on THURSDAY,
the 25th instant.

The Captain and Agents do not bind them-
selves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [189]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PEKING."

Captain G. H. Drowns, will be despatched for
the above Port TO-DAY, the 23rd instant,
at about 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1883. [183]

NETHERLANDS-INDIA STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG, AND
SOUTHALEA, via PONTIANAK.
THE Company's Steamship
"ATJEE".
Captain Orrell, will be dispatched for the above
Ports on or about the 25th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1883. 1184

NOTICE.
IN Future all LETTERS in connection with
the TAKU TUG AND LIQUOR COMPANY
are requested to be addressed to the Undersecretary,
JAMES WATTS,
Sec. T. T. and L. Co.
Taku, 1st January, 1883. 1173

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S
STEEL PENS.
GOLD MEDAL PRIZES, 1878;
Sold by all Stationers and Dealers. 1916

JACOB MESSERS FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.		
Dundee Str.		
Barometer—9 A.M.		30.510
Barometer—1 P.M.		30.714
Barometer—4 P.M.		30.725
Thermometer—9 A.M.		61
Thermometer—1 P.M.		61
Thermometer—4 P.M.		61
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)		57
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)		58

Thermometer—Maximum 41
Thermometer—Minimum 34
Thermometer—Windspeed Force 10-Mph 54

NEWS FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

THE CHINESE COMMUNITY AND GAMBLING, ETC., IN HONGKONG.

The subjects broached by the Chinese deputation to His Excellency the Administrator on 16th inst. were very important ones, and unquestionably merit the attention promised by Mr. MARSH. Mr. Ho KAR, the principal spokesman of the deputation, has been very frank and open in regard to the most influential part of the Chinese community, laid before the Administrator two notorious evils which in the opinion of the deputation are rampant in the Colony, and one minor one, which requires immediate attention at the hands of the Government, and which he has no doubt will receive a unanimous to the respectable portion of the Chinese community. The first of these evils is gambling, which Mr. Ho KAR declares to be prevalent in every one of its many phases, in this Colony, leading to crime, misery, and destruction and suicide in many cases. The deputation is of opinion that the law as at present existing is inadequate to suppress this widespread vice,

and is literally head-downed. We several times called attention, during the administration of the late GOVERNOR, to the unblushing manner in which gambling was carried on, and stated, on good Chinese authority, that the Chinese section of the Police Force were practically subsidised by the gamblers, and that the Chinese constables were treated with silent contempt for the most part, and Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY never took any effective measures to secure the suppression of this vice, the Gambling Commission he appointed having the most abortive ending. The powers possessed by the Police are doubtless too limited for any attempt at the suppression of gambling to any extent, and, as a result, if not mitigated, more fines are practically no punishment, as the offenders can readily pay them out of their large profits. Drastic measures are needed if the vice of gambling is even to be kept in bounds; to eradicate it altogether we believe to be well nigh impossible. But much good may be effected by amending the law relating to gambling, investing the Police with larger powers, and thus reducing the strength of the Chinese shore contingent while increasing that of the European force. This step may necessitate a larger outlay, but we believe the gentlemen forming the department will agree with us that it will be the most effective.

With regard to the existence of sly brew-

the city the representations of the deputa-
tion are equally well-founded. The Caro-
linian's serious evil is to be found in the
prevalence of the Contagious Disease
Ordinance. This was practically sus-
tained during the latter four years of Sir
JOHN PEARCE HENNESSY's office, with
the lamentable result Mr. HO KAY had to
resign on Monday. The results of the late
GOVERNOR's crusade against the Ordinance
question has only had the effect of spread-
ing vice broadcast and propagating disease.
It would be instructive to the women who
made themselves so deplorably conspicuous
in England recently in connection with this
question, they could have placed before
them statistics of the evil wrought by Sir
JOHN PEARCE HENNESSY in making to carry
out the provisions of the Ordinance so heed-
lessly denounced.

referring to the last subject with which the deputation dealt, that of the nuisance and obstruction caused by the hawkers in the streets, this is a question that has two sides. The licensed hawkers are, on the whole, a useful body of men to the poorer classes of the community. They vend their wares cheaply, and in many cases afford a great convenience. But on the other hand, the Chinese shopkeepers have just cause of complaint. A large number of these so-called hawkers do not hawk

their goods at all. They lay out their stalls
right in front of the shops, monopolising
part of the road and sometimes making
it impossible to pass. The shopkeepers
are enabled to undersell the hawkers
at under their very noses. The shopkeepers
are, in our opinion, at least entitled to this
protection—that no hawker's stall should be
permitted to be pitched in a stationary position
on the street in front of their doors. Let
the hawkers be allowed to move about the
pavement. Some portions of Queen's
road and other great business thorough-
fares are at present literally lined with these
gangs. Most of the hawkers have been so
long in undisturbed possession of their
findings that they would probably feel it
great grievance to be required to move
about where they have, by long usage, earn-
ed a prescriptive right to the particular
spots on which they have, for years mayhap,
disposed their wares. It will now be hard to
try out the proper measures with regard
to poor fellows. They have only taken
advantage of the liberty of the streets, the
most plausible plea for prosecuting it request-
ed to move on by the Police. Yet what else
to do? In many provincial towns in
England there are many stalls of the kind
used by these hawkers allowed in the market,
possibly in Victoria be at some time in
the future provided with a new market a cer-
tain number of stalls may be reserved for
the vendors of miscellaneous goods like
the now exposed in such plentiful variety
of the thoroughfares.

Will the evils upon which the Chinese de-
pend to Mr. Mason dwell to such effect
as either magnified or created by the ill-
usage of the stalls? Will the Government
abandon all attempts to suppress gam-
bling, for what reason we have never heard,
suspended the provisions of the Con-
comitant Diseases Ordinance to the great en-
gagement of vice; and he gave orders
to the hawkers were not to be molested or
interfere with. It is not to be denied that
done on behalf and in the interest of the
community, and took unlimited credit to him-
self for having abolished class legislation.
was repeatedly urged, in his despatches to
the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that
this policy was endorsed by the Chinese com-
munity and asserted that they had taken
part in their representations. That
assumption was not infrequently dis-
tinctly opposed to the truth we have on
other occasions demonstrated by convincing
evidence, and surely no better proof of the
truth can be found than in the spectacle of
the Chinese in question voluntarily wait-
ing for the successful hawker to pass by
one of the things which they averred not
with pronounced approval of the Chinese
community. Further than that the Chi-
nese residents more than once intimated
their opinion that for certain offences flag-
rant was the most tolerant punishment, and
that they find the Chinese legislation
inadequate, Mr. Mason suggesting a sound sugges-
tion of punishment for certain gambling
cases. How shocked would the virtuous
Gentle Pore Hennessey be at the bare
thought of a Chinese gambler or gambling

